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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: K. SHIMADA (see attached)

For:
A STORAGE SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF SPEEDING UP
WRITING DATA INTO THE STORAGE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:



7 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-200840 filed July 24, 2003. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement. (which is hereby incorporated by reference)



Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.



Specification: Abstract , Description 24 pages; and 15 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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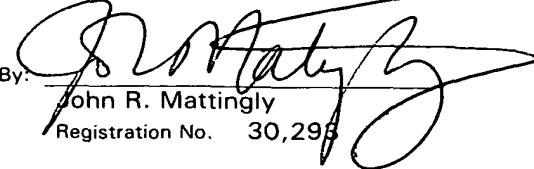


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